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Dear Interested Public:

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing NEPA, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Battle Mountain District Office (BMDO) has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) which analyzes the impacts of three proposed telecommunications facilities located throughout the Battle Mountain District. The *Telecommunication Facilities at Kingston, Dyer, and Hickison Summit EA* identifies, describes, and evaluates resource protection measures that would mitigate the possible impacts from the proposal. Proposed activities include the construction and operation of communications towers to provide broadband service to currently under served rural areas in Nevada. The proposal was submitted by Arizona Nevada Tower Corporation and is associated with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009's (Recovery Act) Broadband Initiative Program (BIP) (www.broadband.gov).

The EA will be available for a 15-day public comment period. Written comments on this EA will be accepted at the above address until 4:30 p.m., August 9, 2013. The EA can be viewed on the BLM NEPA Register, which can be accessed through the BLM Battle Mountain District website at:


http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/battle_mountain_field.html

Under Links of Interest, click on the link that reads "National NEPA Register Page." To navigate to the project, scroll down and select "Nevada" from the "State(s)" list, which will populate the "Office(s)" list, then select "NV – Battle Mountain DO." Under "Fiscal Year(s)" select "2013" and then click the "Search" button on the left side of the screen. This will take you to a list of projects; find and select this project (DOI-BLM-NV-B010-2013-0024-EA) to display the project webpage using the link on the left.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we would be able to do so.

If you have any questions or to obtain a hard copy of this document, please contact Jon Kramer, Acting Realty Specialist, at the above address or at (775) 635-4053.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Douglas W. Furtado', written over the printed name.

Douglas W. Furtado
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